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The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

Mary's month is with us again. The month of May is fittingly dedicated to her, not only because it is the first beautiful spring month in a large part of the world and the loveliest month of all the year, but because it follows so closely upon Easter.

The month following the first Easter was the most joyful month in Mary's life. She was happy during the thirty years of her life with Jesus and Joseph at Nazareth, supremely happy in the service of her divine Son, yet her life was solemn and sad as well. Of course, her sadness began with the tragic circumstances associated with the birth of Jesus, continued during her several years of exile in Egypt, and during the years that followed at Nazareth, years of poverty and privation. During the week immediately preceding Easter she experienced the sort of sorrow which Simeon told her thirty-three years previously would pierce her heart—she saw her loved one cruelly murdered.

But as she was last in the thoughts of Jesus before He expired on the cross, so she was first in his thoughts on Resurrection day. We have every reason to believe that He appeared to her before He appeared to Magdalen and Peter. While her life was lonely even in the care of the favorite apostle of Christ after the ascension, she was supremely happy because her Son had returned to the glory which had been His for all eternity and knew that the date of reunion was not far off. Mary is now close to Jesus in Heaven, the Queen not only of all the faithful followers of her Son during the nineteen centuries that have passed, but even of the angels. In her lofty place of influence she is our Mother, the consoler of the afflicted, the refuge of sinners, the help of Christians, and, therefore, one in whom we should have the greatest confidence and for whom we should cultivate a tender love.

In dedicating the month of May to her the Church would have us pay special honor to her, both public and private, and would remind us that through the practice of virtues for which she was preeminent, we can make our salvation most secure.

Whoever is responsible for the institution of *Mothers' Day* must have been providentially guided in the selection of the second Sunday of May. Every Catholic mother should consecrate herself to Mary, the model of all mothers, and dedicate to her her children for safe keeping in this world of sin.

The life in every parish should be what the life in every model family is. There should be universal cooperation on the part of its every member in promoting the best spiritual interests of all. It is for this reason that the Church fosters the various sodalities, most of them dedicated in some way or another to the Blessed Virgin. Every married woman in every parish should be a willing and active member of her sodality, each knowing the fundamentals of the rule, the days on which special Indulgences may be gained, and every member should answer the call once a month to receive Holy Communion with the sodality group.

Every unmarried lady should be proud of the title "Child of Mary," and should try to be all that this title implies. She should not indulge in recreation of such worldly character as is common among those who have never had any special dedication to Mary. She should leave her vocation in Mary's hands, and petition her to secure for her a happy marriage if the married state be her vocation. Not only should she remain an active member of her sodality during the days of courtship, but particularly then should she be a faithful member and should multiply her Holy Communions instead of decreasing them.

A thorough realization of what it means to be a Child of Mary would itself suggest to her what is becoming and what is unbecoming for her.

The conscience which had formed during her childhood under the influence of the good Sisters and of the priests should exert itself when she is thrown among others in whom holy ideals were not cultivated. She should be a real missionary in the way of leading others to be better rather than become a victim to the lower standards of these others.

Even men should honor Mary because she is also their mother; but if the Catholic women in America were all that they should be the reaction on the men would be most favorable and salutary.

May the women of the Fort Wayne Diocese honor Mary during this month by resolving to become her devoted children, especially as suggested here.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

THE BISHOP'S SPRING ITINERARY.

May	1	Confirmation and Visitation, St. Patrick's Church, Fort Wayne (afternoon). Confirmation and Visitation, St. Peter's Church, Fort Wayne (evening).
May	4—8	Mobile, Alabama.
May	10—11	Bishops' Meeting, Cincinnati.
May	12—13	Meeting of American Board of Catholic Missions, Chicago.
May	15	Dedication Catholic Community Center, Gary.
May	17	St. Joseph's League, Mishawaka.
May	18	Confirmation, St. Stephen's Parish, South Bend.
May	19	Confirmation, Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend.
May	21	Consecration, St. Hedwige's Church, South Bend.
May	22	Jubilee, St. Hedwige's Parish, South Bend.
May	23	Catholic High School, Huntington (evening).
May	24	Reception and Profession Ceremonies, Victory-Noll.
May	25	Confirmation, St. Mary's, East Chicago.
May	26	(Ascension Day). Confirmation, St. Stanislaus, East Chicago.
May	27	Confirmation, St. Joseph's, Hammond.
May	29	Golden Jubilee, Rev. William Berg, Schererville.
May	30	Confirmation, All Saints, Hammond.
May	31—June 1	Confirmation, Settlement Church, Gary.
June	5	Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Pontifical High Mass (morning). Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Confirmation (afternoon).
June	7	St. Mary's, Notre Dame.
June	8—9	St. Joseph's Preparatory Seminary.
June	9	(Evening) Central Catholic High School, East Chicago.
June	10	Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne.
June	11	Ordinations, Cathedral, Fort Wayne.
June	12	St. Augustine's Academy, Fort Wayne.
June	14	Pontifical Mass, Foresters' State Convention, Gary.
June	24	Ordinations at Notre Dame.
June	29	Reception and Profession, Lafayette.
June	30	Anniversary Bishop's Consecration. Consultors' meeting, Bishop's House.
July	13—14	National Convention Daughters of Isabella, Fort Wayne.
July	21	Reception and Profession, Donaldson.

MASSACRE OF JESUIT PRIESTS BY CHINESE SOLDIERS IS TOLD BY A FRENCH CORRESPONDENT

Fathers Dugout and Vanara Shot Down When Nationalists Invade Mission at Nanking.

TWO OF THE CLERGY MANAGE TO ESCAPE

Graphic Account of Murders Given by One of Survivors Who Had Narrow Escape.

Paris.—Graphic and dramatic is the account which the *Petit Parisien* gives of the massacre of Fathers Dugout and Vanara, of the Society of Jesus, when the nationalist army entered Nanking, China, recently. The correspondent gives also the story of the narrow escape of another Jesuit Father Verdier, on the same day.

The correspondent got much of his account from Father Verdier, who witnessed the tragedies. On the morning of March 24, at the Jesuit College Father Vanara had just finished Mass, when a servant came running toward him.

"Are you ready, Father? You must go to the quay at once."

"I'll come. Give me time to get a box in my room."

"There is no time to take a box."

"I can at least change my shoes?"

"There is not time for that either. Hurry."

Father Vanara yielded, and went out in his slippers. Sentinels were at the garden gate. Hardly outside, the religious was shot point blank and his long beard was set afire. Father Dugout was looking for his companion. He, in turn, opened the gate and received in his forehead the second bullet of the sentinel.

Father Verdier's Experience

Father Verdier and Father Bureau were in another establishment. The day before they had sent away all the refugees from the South, the Fathers, schoolmasters and pupils.

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ENGLISH PAPERS PRAISE SMITH

London.—Many papers praise Governor Smith's letter in the *Atlantic Monthly*. *The Star* says the reply will make Republicans sorry they launched the attack; while the *Daily News* declares that it is remarkable that Governor Smith should have been called upon to defend the right of a Catholic to enjoy the full privileges and duties of citizenship.

The Washington correspondent of the *Times* says that the letter is entirely admirable in courage and frankness, and that with it Governor Smith passes at one stride to the stage of national politics.

The *Church Times* says that Governor Smith is the one really fine, dominating personality in American politics.

Clergy Changes Announced by Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Bishop has announced the following transfers:

The Rev. Valerian Karcz, formerly assistant pastor of St. Vincent's, Logansport, becomes assistant to Father Chemma, pastor of St. John Cantius', Indiana Harbor.

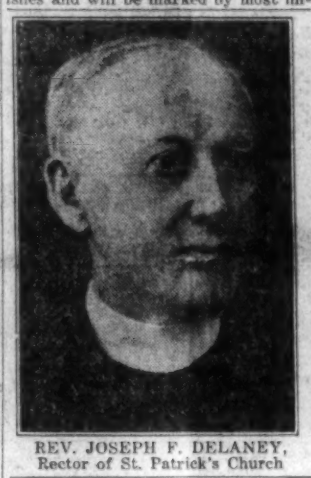
The Rev. W. J. Mallette, formerly of St. John's, New Brunswick, becomes assistant to the Rev. James Durham, pastor of St. Vincent's, Logansport.

CARDINAL VANNUTELLI BLESSES AGED. His Eminence, Dean of the Sacred College, visited St. Joseph's Institution in Rome on the feast of its patron and mingled with the inmates, some of whom are, like himself, nonagenarians. His visit delighted the old men and women. (Henry Miller)

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION TODAY

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Administers Sacrament at St. Patrick's and St. Peter's Churches, Fort Wayne.

Continuing his Confirmation appointments in the Cathedral city, the Rt. Rev. Bishop administers the sacrament today in St. Patricks' and St. Peter's churches, to approximately two hundred children and adults. This is first Communion day in both parishes and will be marked by most impressive and largely-attended services.



REV. JOSEPH F. DELANEY, Rector of St. Patrick's Church

REV. CHARLES H. THIELE, Rector of St. Peter's Church

Solemn High Mass at 8:00 o'clock will be celebrated by the Rev. Joseph F. Delaney, rector, at St. Patrick's church. The Rev. M. W. Kissane will assist as deacon; the Rev. Charles Feltes, subdeacon, and the Rev. Joseph Keating, master of ceremonies. Father Delaney gives the sermon at this Mass at which eighty boys and girls will approach the holy table for the first time. Low Masses are announced for 6, 7, 10 and 11 a. m.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Rt. Rev. Bishop will give the sermon, administer Confirmation to a class of 108, the number including 82 children and 26 adults. Later he will be celebrant at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Besides the clergy of the parish, visiting priests will assist at the solemnities.

The Rev. Charles H. Thiele, rector, celebrates solemn High Mass and gives the sermon at 8:00 o'clock this morning at St. Peter's church, where 75 boys and girls receive first Holy Communion. The Rev. Arnold J. Wibbert will be deacon of the Mass, and on account of the illness of the Rev. Herman Joseph Miller, he will be supplied as subdeacon by a visiting priest. Low Masses today at St. Peter's are at 5:30, 6:30 and 10:30 o'clock.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock at St. Peter's the Rt. Rev. Bishop will administer Confirmation, deliver the sermon and officiate at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Besides the 75 first communicants a

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Delegate Asks That Public Await Facts on Mexico Charges

Msgr. Fumasoni-Biondi Says Mexican Episcopacy Has No Responsibility For Revolutionists' Attack On Passenger Train.

Washington—Most Reverend Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, who is well informed on Mexican affairs, in an interview categorically denied the statement made by President Calles that the recent attack on a passenger train, near Guadalajara, in which many of the passengers were killed, was the result of orders, or was done with the knowledge of the Catholic Episcopate of Mexico.

"I am certain," said Archbishop Fumasoni-Biondi, "that the Mexican Hierarchy had nothing to do either directly or indirectly with this outrageous attack. My first request to the American public in the matter is that judgment be suspended until definite and reliable details are available. The only news we have to date is from Government sources, and, as every one knows, all dispatches from Mexico are rigorously censored by the Calles government, whose officials decide what can and must be sent out to the Press. In these circumstances it is only the part of wisdom to defer final

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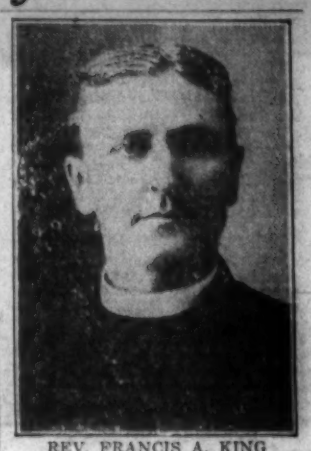
Rev. Francis A. King Mourned by Hundreds

Bishop Officiates at the Last Rites at Garrett—Sermon by the Rev. Thomas Conroy—Interment at Delphi.

In the death of Rev. Francis A. King, 66, late pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's church, Garrett, there has passed from the ranks of the Fort Wayne diocesan clergy, a widely known member whose sacerdotal labors cover a period of forty-two years. After three months of serious ill health Father King passed to his reward at 1:25 o'clock Sunday morning April 24 at Sacred Heart hospital, Garrett. Following the diagnosis of his case as cancer, he had taken radium treatments at St. Joseph's hospital, Fort Wayne, returning to Garrett, where he entered the hospital two months ago. Despite intense suffering and heart attacks which further exhausted his vitality, the beloved priest was cheerful and bore his trials with exemplary fortitude and resignation.

Rev. Leo A. Scheetz, pastor of Auburn and chaplain at Sacred Heart hospital, Garrett, together with the Franciscan sisters in charge, were at the bedside of Father King when death came. Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; Rev. Robert J. Halpin, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Fort Wayne; and Rev. Lawrence A. Eberle, pastor of St. Mary's church, Avilla, had been at his bedside part of the night, leaving only when it seemed that he would survive some hours longer. He suffered a sinking spell, however, and the message of his death reached them upon their arrival in Fort Wayne.

Rev. John G. Bennett, for 13 years assistant at St. Patrick's church, Fort Wayne, whose appointment as successor of Father King at Garrett became effective Friday, April 29, gave his farewell sermon at last Sunday morning's masses at St. Patrick's. Prayers for the deceased pastor were offered in this parish, also at St. Peter's and St. Joseph's churches, Fort Wayne, at Avilla and Gar-



REV. FRANCIS A. KING

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More Than Six Hundred Vocation Cards.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop has received over six hundred Vocation Cards, signed by children interested in the Priesthood and Religious life. After all the Pastors have been heard from, the Bishop will select from the long list the names of those who are now of proper age to enter the Preparatory Seminary, or the Motherhouses of our Sisterhoods. The Bishop wishes the boys who are interested in work as Brothers, rather than in the Priesthood, and the girls, to designate the particular Religious Community for which they have preference. The Bishop does not wish to lend his influence in behalf of any particular Religious Community.

CLERGY GUESTS AT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER DEDICATION

BISHOP AND VISITING PRIESTS AT DINNER

Opening the dedicatory ceremony of the New Catholic Community Center, Fort Wayne, the Rt. Rev. Bishop, in full pontificals, officiated at the blessing at 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning, April 21. The Rev. John F. Nadolny served as master of ceremonies. A procession through all the corridors of the building was formed by the local and visiting clergy assembled for the occasion.

Priests participating included the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John H. Oechtering, V. G., rector St. Mary's; the Rev. Thomas M. Conroy, rector, and the Rev. John A. Dapp, of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; the Rev. Joseph F. Delaney, rector, the Rev. John G. Bennett, the Rev. Joseph Keating, the Rev. Charles Feltes, of St. Patrick's; the Rev. Charles H. Thiele, the Rev. Arnold J. Wibbert, St. Peter's; the Rev. Robert J. Halpin, St. Joseph's; the Rev. Basil A. Didier, C. PP. S., pastor, and the Rev. Anthony Meyer, C. PP. S., Church of the Most Precious Blood; the Rev. George Hasser, St. Mary's; the Rev. Michael Gorman, Gibault Home, Terre Haute; the Rev. Edward J. Mungovan, Valparaiso; the Rev. John C. Keller, Mishawaka; the Rev. Thomas Jansen, Gary; the Rev. John C. Wakefer, LaPorte; the Rev. Leo Faurote, Wanatah; the Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, Besancon; the Rev. John B. Steger, Nix Settlement; the Rev. Fridolin J. Hasler, Yoder; the Rev. Charles Girardot, Bluffton; the Rev. Michael Shea, Union City; the Rev. Harold Moran, Goshen; the Rev. Florian Briede, O. F. M., Lafayette; the Rev. Victor Magsam, Logansport; the Rev. Paul A. Welch, Arcola; the Rev. Leonard Deininger, Lafayette; the Rev. Edmund Ley, Wabash, and the Rev. August C. Van Rie, North Judson. The Rev. James Calligan, C. S. C., of the University of Notre Dame, and the Rev. William P. Lennartz, C. S. C., pastor St. Joseph's church, South Bend, arrived for the afternoon program.

At the noon hour the Rt. Rev. Bishop, local and visiting priests were entertained at dinner in the private dining room. Covers were laid for eighty-five at the tables, which were attractively decorated with roses.

Members of the Gibault Home commission attending the dedication included Joseph Nurre, Bloomington, Ind.; William Mooney, Madison J. Walsh, of Indianapolis, and Albert J. Veesman, of Evansville.

MEXICAN BISHOPS DENY CLAIMS OF CALLES IN TRAIN SLAUGHTER

Rome.—Following the publication here of accounts of the train attack, Tuesday, in the State of Jalisco, Mexico, and of the Mexican Government's charge that the Catholic hierarchy was responsible for it and its cruelties, the commission of Mexican Bishops in Rome, who are in closest touch with Mexican affairs, indignantly denied Calles' charge.

To the N.C.W.C. News Service correspondent's request for a statement on the tragedy the Bishops replied:

"First, it is an absolute falsehood to attribute to the Bishops the direction of the armed movement in Mexico.

"Second, it is a grave offense to label, as bandits, men who, after trying in vain all peaceful means to settle this dispute; after having their legitimate petitions to Congress refused; after innumerable shootings and cruelties against innocent persons, have been obliged to take up arms as the only means remaining to them to reclaim their rights.

"Third, we feel assured that Catholics, as such, did not exercise the cruelties attributed to them; but we shall await further information by cable."

Three hours later, the commission was informed by cable that the assault on the train actually took place, but that the wanton cruelties described were inventions of the Government.

Million Dollar Hospital Planned--Colonel Riley, Sponsor, Breaks Ground

Col. Walter J. Riley, philanthropist and financier, recently turned the first spade full of earth in the foundation of East Chicago's one million two hundred fifty thousand dollar hospital. Col. Riley, original sponsor of the project, was accompanied among others by Ven. Mother M. Tabitha, Provincial General of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in the United States; Mother M. Catherine, General Superintendent of hospitals of the Order; the Rev. John van de Riet, Chapiain General of the Order, and the Rev. James Connelly, director of St. Patrick's church, Indiana Harbor.

The hospital site is the block bounded by Fir and Elm streets extended, and 143rd and 144th streets extended.

A Feature of our next issue---

—will be a contemporary story of the first OFFICIAL pilgrimage from America to Lourdes and Rome. This pious journey was led by Msgr. Dwenger, later Bishop of Fort Wayne.

PRIEST IN CONFINEMENT PAINTS PICTURE. Rev. G. Carrasco, while held virtually a prisoner in Mexico City by order of the Mexican Government, has finished his "Virgin of Guadalupe." The painting has been warmly praised by critics, and is said to be valuable. (Henry Miller)

BUSINESS DECLINE AND SPREAD OF REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES HELD TO MEAN MEXICAN CRISIS

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they already face, are driving them to ruin.

Meantime, while Mexican Catholics began the first Holy Week ever known in the country without priests officating, but with churches reverently filled, reports of clashes between revolutionary groups and Federal troops increased, as did the ever-accompanying reports of summary, illegal killings on the part of Government agencies.

For a second time within a fortnight, a Lardo-Mexico City express bearing American passengers was attacked Monday. The roofs of the cars were smashed and every window broken, and the train was forced to make its way back to the station it had just left. Six persons are reported to have been wounded, and the train was delayed a day.

Women Taken Prisoners.

Engagements with revolutionaries have taken place in the last few days at three points in the State of Jalisco, and among prisoners taken by the Federals were six women. According to the official reports they were all armed with carbines and plenty of ammunition.

In the State of Chihuahua, a new revolutionary band has been formed, headed by a former Federal captain, and has gathered considerable numbers and munitions. The Government already has begun the customary arresting of civilians as "sympathizers" with the revolutionaries.

From Guadalajara comes the report that six prominent citizens, including Gonzalez Flores, editor of *Restoracion*, have been summarily shot after a farcial judgment being pronounced upon them a few hours following their arrest. All were prominent Catholics, one, Luis Padillo, being a director of the Catholic Association of Mexican Youth.

In addition to the economic and military situation, the Government faces a grave problem in the increasing emigration of Mexicans to the United States, which has assumed alarming proportions. *El Exclesior*, discussing the matter editorially under the caption "Flight of the Proletariat", declares that it is "a problem which we must solve at all costs." Speaking of its causes, the paper says:

Paper Demands Change.

"Our peons are not going to the United States with an illusion of obtaining a piece of land gratuitously as in Mexio. They are going to work for a salary, but they prefer this to the fabulous promises of Mexian agrarianism."

"There must be a radical change", the paper declares, "or else the country will go to the bottom of an abyss. There is no middle course. Experiments can mean only fresh disasters, and the truth is that neither men of enterprise, be they native or foreign, nor working men can long live in this constant uncertainty of experiments—in this perennial experimentation which seems to be without end or practical results.

"All the problems which have arisen in the last three decades have been artifically created. Therefore, in spite of the new methods that have been introduced, the nation is going backward instead of forward, and every day sees some new danger on the horizon."

PRIEST MISSIONARIES TRAPPED IN HUNAN, CONSULS REPORT

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neither of the opposing parties in the present civil strife in China is, as such, unsympathetic toward Christian missions. Father Walsh, who has thrice visited China and is in constant touch with members of his Order there, is convinced that anti-mission feeling, wherever it exists, and depredations against missions are due to irresponsible persons—bandits and irregulars—who escape the control of the two chief parties and who have been overfed on Soviet propaganda.

He does not believe, he adds, that the Russian Reds will succeed in dislodging the present anti-Soviet leaders of the Southern Party, and thinks Young China "will not be content to link arms indefinitely with a discredited nation." While recognizing the hardships to which missionaries in some parts of China are now subjected, he regards the present upheaval as the "dark hour before the dawn."

GOV. AL SMITH REPLIES TO MARSHALL

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clear up two of the items which seemed especially important to Mr. Marshall. One of the most gratuitous, insulting, and wholly erroneous statements of the New York attorney concerned the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy to England under Cardinal Wiseman in 1850. After admitting the persecutions to which the Catholics were subjected by Queen Elizabeth and the heroic loyalty to their Church with which they bore the persecution, Mr. Marshall's article, raising the blame for the entire matter from the shoulders of the Queen, declares: "Public opinion slowly changed. Gradually Catholic disabilities were removed and in 1850 the Roman Catholic Hierarchy was restored in England with no other condition than that its Sees should not use the ancient titles that the Hierarchy of the Church of England had retained. Peace and amity reigned within the realm irrespective of religion, and domestic repose marked a happy epoch. But the toleration and magnanimity of England bore strange fruit. Scarcely was the Roman Hierarchy restored to its ancient place when the astounding Apostolic letter of Leo XIII appeared, (1896) declaring to the world that the Orders of the Church of England were void, her priests not priests, her Bishops not Bishops and her Sacraments so many empty forms."

Replying to this thoroughly astounding misreading of history, Governor Smith declares: "You imply that the Pope gratuitously affronted the Anglican Church. In fact this Apostolic letter was an answer to a request made at the instance of priests of the Anglican Church for recognition by the Roman Catholic Church, of the validity of their priestly orders. The request was based on the ground that they had been ordained in succession from Roman Catholic priests who became the first priests of the Anglican Church. The Apostolic letter was a mere adverse answer to this request ruling that Anglican priests were not Roman Catholic priests and was in no sense the gratuitous insult that you suggest it to be."

Another point regarded as of great importance by Mr. Marshall was the alleged interference in state rights in the recent annulment of the Marlborough-Vanderbilt marriage. Replying to this, Governor Smith reminds Mr. Marshall that his own church, the Episcopalian, has tribunals to administer its laws for the government of its members and furthermore that the Episcopalian Church refuses to recognize the validity of divorces granted by civil tribunals. The Governor further emphasises the fact that the decree of the Rota did not have and never was intended to have any effect under the civil laws of America or of any other nation of the world.

A general summary of Governor Smith's reply is as follows:

1. Catholics believe in religious tolerance and in religious liberty as a principle of government.
2. The state in its own sphere is supreme to the church.
3. The pope would be offending against civil society and against God if he were to issue commands in purely civil matters.
4. Education should be public except when parents elect that their children attend private or sectarian schools.
5. The Holy Rota in Rome was not overstepping its authority in annulling the Duke of Marlborough's marriage to Consuelo Vanderbilt.
6. Catholics are not attempting to promote interference in the Mexican religious controversy.

Outlining his personal attitude towards the Mexican situation, Governor Smith wrote as follows: "My personal attitude, wholly consistent with that of my church, is that I believe in peace on earth, good will to men and that no country has a right to interfere in the internal affairs of any other country.

"I recognize the right of no church to ask armed intervention in this country in the affairs of another, merely for the protection of the rights for the church but I do recognize the propriety of church action to request the good offices of this country to help the oppressed of any land as these good offices have been so often used, for the protection of Protestant missionaries in the Orient and the persecuted Jews of Eastern Europe."

Japanese Envoy's Son and Professor Become Catholics

Tokyo.—The son of the Japanese Ambassador to England, a professor and several students are among the recent converts brought to the Church by the teaching apostolate of the Brothers of Mary in Japan, some of whom are Americans.

John Paul Matsui, son of Baron Matsui, is the young nobleman received into the Church. It is noteworthy that his godfather at his baptism was the noted Japanese convert, Admiral Yamamoto, who was baptized in 1893. Young Matsui was a student at the Brothers' Morning Star school in Tokyo. At about the same time three other students, Francis Kitsutani, Thomas Sagara and Stephen Takasaki, were baptized at the school. The family of Takasaki are all pagans.

At the Star of the Sea school in Nagasaki, a Japanese professor, Mr. Nihei, and two pupils, Xavier Kusumoto and Joseph Murotani, recently were baptized. At the Bright Star School in Osaka two students, Francis Xavier Yasuoka and Joseph Niisaka, were baptized. The latter died five days afterward.

The Society of Mary has fifty-nine native members in Japan and forty-nine foreign missionaries. Of the latter, nine are Americans, including two priests and seven Brothers.

"Mysterious" Carmelites Revealed in Book.

The Carmelites of Santa Clara have parted the curtain on the life of the so-called mysterious Order of Carmel in a book revealing to the public eye a comprehensive picture of the work of the cloistered community from its cradle in Palestine to its recent foundations in America.

Bearing the imprimatur of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco, the new book, called "Carmel: Its History, Spirit and Saints," will make its first public appearance shortly, it now being on the presses of P. J. Kenedy & Sons, New York. Written in narrative form the book is intended for the great mass of lay readers who avoid large volumes. Announcement of the coming of the book has resulted in a large number of orders for it being received by the publishers and at the Carmelite Monastery in Santa Clara.

In part the new work is a re-edition of a volume published by the Carmelites of Boston before their foundation in California. The present book carries entirely new matter, bringing the history of Carmel in the United States up-to-date, including accounts of recent foundations and the Saints of Carmel from primitive to present times. A chapter entitled "The Twentieth Century" shows the remarkable activity of the Order from 1900, as expressed by Beatifications, Centenaries, and the Canonization of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus.

The book runs over three hundred pages, is illustrated, and in workmanship and appearance will be all that could be desired for library or gift. The price is three dollars and postage. Orders will be taken at the Carmelite Monastery, Santa Clara, California; payment to be made upon receipt of book.

Forty-six Schools Will Have Teams In Relay Carnival

Milwaukee, Wis.—Teams representing forty-six schools already have been entered in the fifth annual Marquette University National High School Relay Carnival to be held in Marquette Stadium May 7th. This number easily exceeds the entries of last year and it is expected that the carnival will prove to be one of the greatest prep school athletic events ever staged in the Middle West.

As a special feature of the carnival, Melvin Shimek, Marquette University's brilliant distance runner, will give an exhibition. Efforts are being made to have Phil Osif, the Haskell Indian runner, oppose him.

At present, we seem to be having a government of the people, for the people, by the reformers; nor does there seem to be any immediate likelihood of its perishing from the earth. —*Extension.*

Victory-Noll

STANDING BACK OF THE MISSIONARY PRIESTS.

Sacred History" records that from the very first ages of Christianity women have taken a very important part in the services of the Church and its ministers. Even Our Divine Savior Himself did not disdain the services of those devout women who followed Him during His apostolic labors and ministered to His needs. In the 27th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, there is given a striking account of these faithful workers who followed Our Lord and supplied His needs. In simple, but beautiful language, the Evangelist tells us: "About the Cross of Jesus there were many women who had followed Him from Gallilee ministering unto Him." In the Epistles of St. Paul, especially in his Epistles to the Romans and Philippians, the great Apostle commands "the faithful Phebe, our sister, a servant of the Church, who has assisted many, and myself also." And again, he asks his converts to "Help those women who labored with me in the Gospel."

Church historians tell us that before the middle of the fourth century women who bore the distinctive title of "deaconesses" were permitted to perform definite functions in the Church. Very often they were assigned to the office of assisting the Clergy in their various duties. During the middle ages, up to and within the last century, we do not find women holding such distinctive offices as did the deaconesses and widows of the early Church, although women continued to assist the Bishops and Priests throughout the ages of ecclesiastical history as far as was compatible with the social customs of the changing eras.

During the last century the need for the services of women in the Church became more generally recognized. Bishops and Priests began to realize the necessity of the services of devout zealous women in their parishes, not only as tabernacle workers, but as Sunday school teachers and as social service workers among the poor. The pressing necessities of the poor, overworked missionary of the far Western and Southwestern missions were also recognized. Previously not only had his needs passed unnoticed and unknown in the well-established parishes which could have rendered him invaluable assistance, but even his very existence seemed to have been forgotten. It was not until Msgr. Kelly, founder of the Church Extension Society, now Bishop of Oklahoma, traveled the length and breadth of our country, preaching in no uncertain tones about the pitiable condition of the missions and missionaries of our country, that our Catholics finally awakened to the fact that something would have to be done to improve the conditions existing in these places; to supply the sadly-needed auxiliary workers who would aid these overworked and ofttimes under-nourished missionaries in their struggle to keep the flame of Faith burning in the hearts of thousands of our Catholic people in the mission field at home.

In our Catholic Southwest a parish comprising five or six thousand square miles is not unusual, and so poor are the people, that the combined contributions of more than six thousand are required to afford even a very meagre living for one missionary. No parochial school or teaching Sister can be had for love or money, and there is no possibility of getting the services of a social welfare worker, visiting nurse, or tabernacle worker.

Though the noble, earnest, zealous priests laboring in this vast mission country willingly sacrifice their energy, their health, and their very lives for the spiritual welfare of their people, it is utterly impossible for them to reach and hold them, in the face of all the difficulties with which they must contend, without the aid of a Missionary Auxiliary.

Today the Society of Missionary Catechists is standing back of the Missionary Priests by sending its members, capable, trained Missionary Catechists, into the mission sections of the Catholic Southwest.

Devoting their lives to the religious instruction of the poor children in such scattered mission places, they prepare them for the reception of the Sacraments, and teach them to lead good, practical lives. They visit and care for the sick poor in their humble homes, and engage in various welfare works.

In the missions to which they are assigned, the Catechists frequently find the chapel in a dilapidated condition, the altars unfurnished and the sacristy lacking in even the essentials for Divine Services. Utilizing whatever materials may be at hand, they exercise their training and ingenuity to make these chapels worthy, though lowly, habitations of the King of Kings.

They also render invaluable assistance to the missionary by repairing the vestments, baking altar breads, and training altar boys, serving as organists, and even, at his request, conducting public devotions during his absence.

Momentary, hourly, daily service of the poor in the missions—that is the life of a Missionary Catechist.

Are you standing back of our Home Missionary Priests by helping keep a Catechist at her post?

Abbot Severin, O. S. B., Will Be Installed at Muenster May 4th

Muenster, Sask.—The solemn benediction and installation of the Right Rev. Severin Gertken, O. S. B., as Abbot-Ordinary of Muenster will take place the morning of May 4th, the feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of the Church.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Prudhomme, Bishop of Prince Albert and Saskatoon, will preside at the ceremonies and the Most Rev. Archbishop Oliver E. Mathieu will deliver the English sermon. Abbot Alcuin Deutsch, O. S. B., of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn., and Abbot Justus Wirth, O. S. B., of St. Bede's Abbey, Peru, Ill., will be the assisting Abbots.

Abbot Severin Gertken is the third superior of the only Benedictine Abbey in Canada, and one of the only two Abbot-Ordinaries in the whole of North America. He has jurisdiction over the territory formerly known as St. Peter's Colony.

French Farmers Aid Seminarians by Gifts

Paris.—At the general annual assembly of the Catholic Union of Agricultural France attended by 1,500 delegates, some interesting information was brought out concerning the aid given by Christian farmers to the work of the seminarians.

The organization for "aid in kind" is especially well developed in the diocese of Versailles, where last year, in spite of a very bad harvest, the farmers gave to the diocesan seminaries nearly 40,000 kilos of food stuffs. In addition there were gifts from grocers, pharmacists and manufacturers.

Smiilar works flourish in the dioceses of Beauvais, Meauz, Soissons, Rouen, Chartres, Reims. In the diocese of Rouen, the Grain Foundation, only a few months old, has already collected 60,000 kilos of grain which will serve not only to feed the seminarists, but also for the preparation of the hosts.

Former Notre Dame Student Wins Prize For Writing Play

Notre Dame, Ind.—Word has been received here that Harry A. McGuire, University of Notre Dame '25, has been awarded third prize in the national playwriting contest conducted by the Petite Theatre Vieux du Carre of New Orleans. Mr. McGuire's play was entitled "When the Ship Goes Down."

This is the third prize Mr. McGuire has won in national contests within the last year. He is now teaching English at Yale University and taking the Baker post-graduate course in playwriting. He was prominent in the playwriting field at Notre Dame.

Plans for Biggest Hospital In U. S.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—St. Francis Hospital of this city will be the largest general non-Government operated hospital in the United States when the building plans just announced for it have been executed. Friends of the institution are organizing themselves into groups preparatory to appealing for the $1,500,000 necessary to carry out the plans.

Speaking of the stage, our idea of *An American Tragedy* is to get a tire punctured on a country road, and then to find we had forgotten to have the spare mended.—*Extension.*

CRUSADES AGAINST IMMORAL PUBLICATIONS. Abbe Bethleem of Paris, (right), recently destroyed many objectionable prints offered for sale by news agents, and was fined eleven francs, the minimum penalty. Abbe Bethleem is here shown with his attorneys outside of the Palace of Justice, Paris. (Keystone Views)

STATE LEGISLATURES

Washington, D. C.—Determined opposition on the part of Ohio Catholics is being exerted against the Comings eugenics bill, proposing sterilization of certain indiivduals, which has passed the Senate and is now pending in the lower branch of the Buckeye State Legislature. In a statement condemning the measure, the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati, last week said:

"The proposed measure of the compulsory asexualization of criminals, imbeciles, the weak minded and other problem classes should give pause to all thoughtful citizens who know the meaning of liberty and the dignity of human nature, and who realize the danger in the mania now existing for legislation on everything.

"Not considering the question of applying this to criminals who have been tried and condemned by a judicial process, and apart from the moral grounds, it would seem very dangerous as a matter of public policy to place this power in the hands of officials whose informed judgment and good will could not be sufficiently depended upon.

"Let those who stand for all that is highest in the medical profession, let the experience of those who have witnessed the failure of these experiments, or the questionable results achieved by them, let thoughtful citizens who wish to condemn no man unnecessarily to an unnatural condition of life, speak their minds before we commit ourselves to the imposition of this penal code. Let a hundred and one other means be considered for the protection of society before resorting to so extreme a measure."

The Right Rev. James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of Columbus, and Dr. H. H. McClelland, superintendent of the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane, also are opposed to the measure.

Bible Reading Bill Passed.

Some of the plainest speaking that has marked the discussion of the bill, pending in the Legislature of W. Va., was uttered during the debate. Delegate Andrews, Republican, of Boone County, in assailing the measure, which is regarded as being sponsored by the Ku Klux Klan, said that he believed in the Bible and was a member of the Methodist Churh, but that he considered the bill a political trick to put members of the House on record, and in no way a religious measure.

"I have no hesitancy in calling the proposition anti-Christian," added the Delegate, "a distinct slap at religion, and that this forcing of religion on our schools is a public scandal."

The bill now goes to the Senate where its chances of passage are considered slim.

Eugenics Measure Rejected.

The West Virginia House of Delegates last Monday rejected two eugenics bills which would have called for medical examinations and other requirements for issuance of marriage licenses.

An examination in anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology, hygiene and chemistry would be required of all persons who wish to pratice healing in Minnesota under provisions of a bill which its House of Representatives passed last week by a vote of 111 to 7.

The measure, known as the basic science bill, was approved by the Senate earlier in the week. It covers doctors of medicine, osteopaths, chiropractors and a few other healing groups, but exempts Christian Scientists, mental and spiritual healers and masseurs as long as they confine their work to the ordinary practice of those groups.

Little opposition to the bill developed in the House, in contrast to the fight it engendered in the Senate.

Among bills vetoed last week by Gov. Smith of New York was the Jenks bill, which would grant to osteopaths the additional functions of performing minor surgical operations administering but not prescribing narcotics, and administering anaesthetics antiseptics, vaccines and anti-toxins.

Rising to a point of personal privilege in the Massachusetts House of Representatives the other day, Representative Frank W. Eaton of Brocton, informed the body that in his mail box that day he had received a pass to all of the National League baseball games to be played in Boston this season—some seventy-seven games—from the Boston club.

The Legislator then explained that he voted against the Sunday base ball bill a few weeks ago and that, while he wished the Boston club all success and hoped it might win the pennant, he desired to state that he could not accept a pass from it under the circumstances.

Foresters Present $50,000.00 to the Catholic University

On Wednesday, April 27th, the Catholic Order of Foresters will present to the Right Reverend Thos. J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., a gift of $50,000.00. This gift was pledged by the International Convention of the Order and is a votive offering to the Shrine of Mary Immaculate now in process of erection in the Catholic University in Washington.

A tablet in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Order who made the supreme sacrifice during the great World War will be installed in the Shrine. Over 10,000 members of the Catholic Order of Foresters answered the call of their country during the war, and of these 382 gave up their lives. Although their insurance contract with the Order might have been forfeited on account of the hazard of war service, the Society elected to continue the protection of all the soldier and sailor members and paid nearly $400,000.00 of insurance to the beneficiaries of the deceased service men. During the war loyalty assessments amounting to over $400,000.00 were levied on the membership to protect the insurance thus guaranteed.

The presentation will be made in the presence of the Bishops assembled at their semi-annual meeting, faculty of the University, and the student body. The entire fifteen members of the High Court of the Order will be present.

During the forty-four years of existence the Catholic Order of Foresters has given liberally to all the works of religion, education and charity. To its credit stands the donation of $30,000.00 to the Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States, $25,000.00 to St. Mary's of the Lake Seminary at Mundelein, Ill., large donations during the World War to the suffering people of Europe, contributions to sufferers in disasters of fire, flood and storm, and innumerable contributions to churches, seminaries, and charitable institutions throughout the land. $1,000,000.00 has thus been disbursed during the past forty-four years. During the war the Society subscribed $2,000,000.00 in liberty bonds.

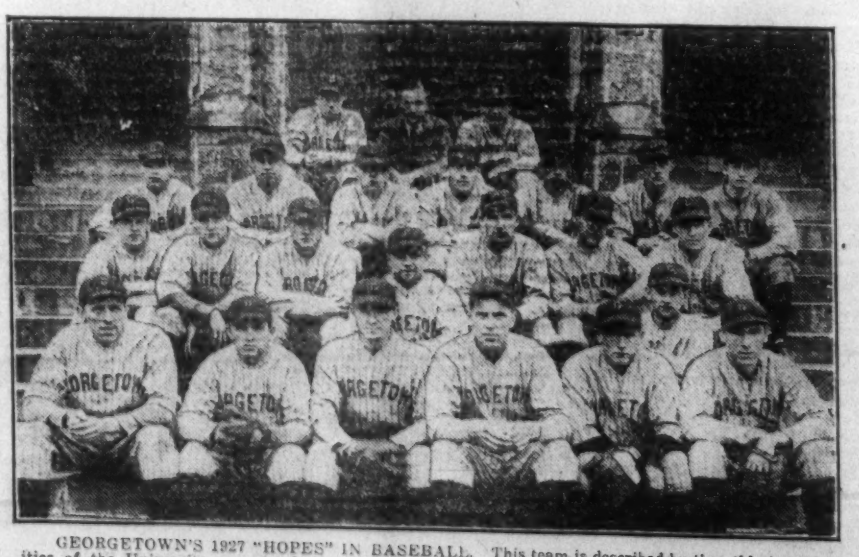
The next International Convention of the Order will be held August 1927, in the historic city of Quebec. A large pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre has been arranged during the week of the Convention.

The Catholic Order of Foresters has disbursed in insurance benefits over $40,000,000.00. It is among the soundest insurance organizations in the country with assets of $20,000,000.00 and no liabilities. It operates in twenty-eight states of the United and all the provinces of Canada, and has a membership of 125,000. Its officers and directors are: Thos. F. Cannon, High Chief Ranger, Chicago, Ill.; Simeon Viger, Vice High Chief Ranger, Lawrence, Mass.; Thos. J. McDonald, High Secretary, Chicago, Ill.; Gustave Keller, High Treasurer, Appleton, Wis.; Dr. J. P. Smyth, High Medical Examiner, Chicago, Ill.; Julius A. Coller, High Trustee, Shakopee, Minn.; John E. Stephan, High Trustee, Chicago, Ill.; Michael J. Mogan, High Trustee, Toronto, Ont.; Leo J. Winiecki, High Trustee, Chicago, Ill.; John A. Herzog, High Trustee, Mishawaka, Ind.; O. L. Olivier, High Trustee, Montreal, P. Q.; W. H. Meuser, High Trustee, Dubuque, Ia.; P. E. Callaghan, High Trustee, Chicago, Ill.; Thos. F. Thompson, High Trustee, Detroit, Mich.; Jno. E. McCabe, High Trustee, Superior, Wis.

Japanese Convert's Story Meets Fav

Tokyo.—The keen interest of Japanese intellectuals in religious questions has recently been manifested in the reception accorded the book of Mr. Tanaka, a noted Japanese convert to Catholicism.

Mr. Tanaka is professor of law in the Imperial University of Tokyo. The book is a profession of Faith, the story of his conversion. It was out of stock two weeks after it was placed on the market.



GEORGETOWN'S 1927 "HOPES" IN BASEBALL. This team is described by the athletic authorities of the University as one of the most promising in the East. The players in this year's squad hail from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Texas, and the District of Columbia. Their schedule confronts them with some of the strongest scholastic aggregations in the country, but they hope to win. (Underwood & Underwood)